



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

3rd October 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Parents' Evenings we have held on the school site for the last two Mondays. We look forward to seeing the parents and carers of those students at our Whitaker Road site next Monday. This is always a productive time to pass on information and share learning; our staff always enjoy meeting you all and gaining even more knowledge about your young person. We aim to communicate with parents as much as possible, as we work towards our shared goal of doing the very best we can for each and every student.

There's no slowing down next week. A big thank you to the PSHE staff team who have organised the World Mental Health Day next Friday; we look forward to seeing lots of yellow being worn by staff and students, which should be nice and cheerful! Theme days are a great opportunity for our students to mix and try new experiences-next week the School of Kindness workshop has been booked for everyone to access, which we are all looking forward to.

Have a restful weekend

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

[Hello Yellow: World Mental Health Day Friday 10 October](#)



Join us in supporting 'Hello Yellow' with Young Minds for World Mental Health Day next **Friday 10th October** by **wearing something yellow!**

Take part with thousands of schools, communities and workplaces by wearing yellow next Friday, to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Participation and donations are entirely voluntary. If you would like to make a donation you can do so by going to the Young Minds website or following the link below;

[Make a donation | Young Minds](#)

Horizons Open Evening

The poster is for a 'YEAR 12 OPEN EVENING' for the 'HORIZONS 6TH FORM'. It features a grey background with a red circle and a silhouette of a person walking. The text is in white and black. The event is on Tuesday 7th October 2025, from 4:30PM-6:00PM, at Friar Gate Studios, Ford Street. It includes an invitation to an information sharing event, a limit of 3 attendees per family, and contact information for St Martins School. The Shaw Education Trust logo is at the bottom right.

**YEAR 12
OPEN EVENING**

HORIZONS
6TH FORM

Tuesday 7th October 2025
4:30PM-6:00PM

FRIAR GATE STUDIOS, FORD STREET

We would like to invite you to an information sharing event and opportunity to discuss frequently asked questions for current Year 11 students ahead of transition to Year 12 in September 2026.

Maximum of 3 attendees per family - first come, first served. Please call St Martins School on 01332 571151 to reserve your space.

Please note that the Ford Street car park next to Friar Gate Studios is chargeable.

 **Shaw
Education
Trust**

Telephone: 01332 571151
Website: www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk

Horizons 6th Form
Friar Gate Studios
Ford Street, Derby
DE1 1EE

Flu Vaccination: 8th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

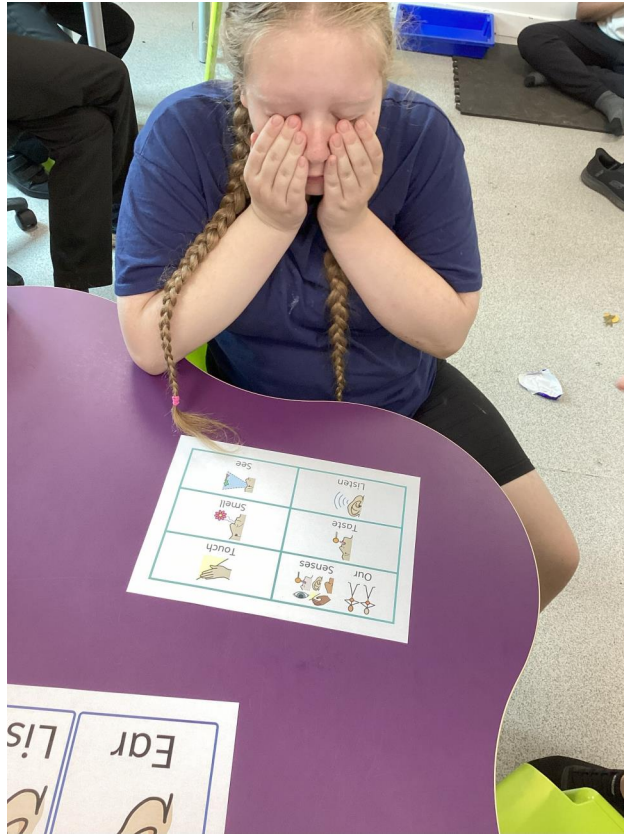
<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/660f3a52>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 08/10/2025

KS3

This week in KS3 Barra class have had the exciting opportunity to learn about the five senses we use within our daily lives (those senses being sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste)! We have been using one of our senses as a way of reinforcing this learning, that being our sense of hearing, through the power of music and song! We have found a song that the class enjoys that describes and explains each of the senses in a catchy, musical way. After this (as pictured here) they were asked to point to the relevant body part that provides the sense spoken about. How exciting!





The Glens



This week, our Glen Nevis learners had a fantastic time exploring the sights, sounds, and textures of farm life! We explored the important jobs farmers do like feeding animals and growing our food by getting hands-on with materials found in farm environments. From soft straw to squishy mud-like soil and raw vegetables, learners used gestures to choose their favourite textures. Together, they used these natural materials to create a beautiful collaborative art piece, celebrating their discoveries in a fun and creative way.





KS4



This week the learners in Iona class have been learning about laundry and laundry safety in Home economics.

As an introduction we sorted laundry into categories such as towels and dish cloths. We then hung some wet laundry out to dry, building on those fine motor skills by squeezing and manipulating the pegs.





The Highlands







This week in the Highlands we have enjoyed walking to the local shop, as part of healthy eating and road safety. Everyone took their items to the till, paid for them, and placed them in a bag to bring back to school. Staff supported students to find fruit in the shop and to stop at the road and check for cars. We really enjoyed getting out into the community and exploring all different fruits in the shop and learning road safety.

Therapy Input



A big shout out to Zaid in Hoy today!!! After some time away from his standing frame, we made a big leap forward and got a plan together to begin accessing the frame again. With new parts fitted, its considerably more comfortable for Zaid and he stood up with no hesitation. 😊





Makaton- Sign of the Week




Broomfield Open Day

Pathways Open Day At Broomfield Derby college

- A chance to meet the teaching team
 - Look around campus and explore the options available.
 - Ask any questions about your young adults' next steps in education
 - Enroll for this academic year 25/26 spaces available.
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- Monday 20th October
 - 1.30 - 3pm
 - Please sign in at reception



Hubbub Theatre Company- Free Workshops!




Free! Weekly Workshops




For Young Autistic and/ or Learning Disabled people

We focus on wellbeing, self-confidence, self-expression and team work.




Where?
Chapel Street Arts Centre
19 Chapel Street
Derby
DE1 3GU



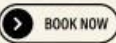

Ages:
13 - 18

We will do:

- Percussion
- Movement



When: (Tuesdays)
From 9th Sept - 18th Nov
Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm



Email: info@hubbubtheatre.org
or call: 07405156800

Funded By:  FamilyHubDerby

SEND Dance

Who?

People who want to dance aged 11-18 (who are Learning Disabled and/ or Autistic)

Where?

19 Chapel Street- Studio 2

When?

4.45pm - 5.45pm
Wednesday term times

How much?

Free

hubbub
theatre
company

Co-led by:



Rosie
(she/her)



Emily
(she/her)



To book by phone
07405 156800



To book by email
info@hubbubtheatre.org



Visit our website
www.hubbubtheatre.org



SEND Dance is a dance session for young people with learning disabilities and/ or Autism.

The group provides a safe environment to be creative and learn new dance skills.

We explore lots of different dance styles and create dances together using everyone's ideas.

CANVAS
Inspiring the next generation of creatives

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School Uniform Orders

We are excited to announce we have added an additional uniform provider for St Andrew's Academy - Uniform Direct. This is to allow a wider range of uniform and sizes available for our students.

We are still using MyClothing so parents can now purchase uniform either from [MyClothing](#) or from [Uniform Direct](#). Please note, Uniform Direct will take about 3 weeks to receive our stock into their shop and online shop so please check back on their website around the end of July for purchasing.

You can find out more information regarding our uniform by clicking [here](#).



54 Babington Lane
Derby
DE1 1SX
01332 342569

Dear Parent/Guardian

Hello from all of us at **Uniform Direct**

We are proud to have been selected as the new uniform provider for your school.

St Andrew's Academy school uniform will be arriving soon (30th June 2025) and will be available in-store at Uniform Direct, 54 Babington Lane, Derby, DE1 1SX, just a 2 minute walk from The Derbion centre. Our opening times are Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm, closed on Weds & Sun. (please check our website for the latest opening times)

We also have plain items, name tapes and water bottles, allowing you to buy everything you need in one go.

If ordering for September, we recommend parents complete their purchases before **July 31st** to ensure they have everything they need for the new school year. Shopping early allows time for orders, exchanges, or additional purchases, especially for those planning summer holidays. By shopping in advance, parents can relax knowing their back-to-school preparations are sorted.

We look forward to welcoming you to our store and hope that you will visit us many times during your child's school years.

If you need to contact us, you can email us at customerseervices@uniform-direct.com or call us on 01332 342569.

Kindest regards

The Uniform Direct Family



Proud to be the official uniform supplier for



St Andrew's Academy

Navy Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Logo	from £9
Navy Cardigan with Logo	from £9
White Polo T-Shirt with Logo	from £7
Black Trousers	from £15
Black Stitch-Down Pleated Skirt	from £15
Navy Fleece Jacket with Logo *optional—special made to order item	from £18
White P.E. T-Shirt with Logo	from £6
Navy OR Black P.E. Shorts	from £4
Navy OR Black Girls P.E. Sports Leggings	from £15
Navy OR Black Track Bottoms	from £11
P.E./Gym Bag	from £8
20 Personalised Iron-On Nametapes	only £3.50

BASE JUN 2025

✓ March-June Best time to order	✓ July Expect Some Delays	X Aug-Sept Extreme Delays Not guaranteed for back to school
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Ordering for September? - Allow plenty of time

✓ **Order before 31st July**

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Summer Holidays—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED SUN)
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LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
SHOP UNTIL 8PM

Join us for a special
late night shopping experience
on 30th June and 3rd July!

Our doors will be open from
9:30am to 8:00pm,
allowing you to shop early and
get your uniform shopping
done and dusted,
before the summer rush

MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2025 &
THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2025

9.30am to 8pm

selected stores only



THE BEST TIME TO BUY and when to avoid



- **The Best Time to Buy is March, April, May, and June!**

We highly recommend purchasing your school uniform early, well before the school summer holidays start. Plan ahead with growth in mind, and enjoy the peace of mind knowing we offer size exchanges up until the start of school in September (terms and conditions apply).

Shop now for minimal queues and excellent stock availability!



- **July: Shop Before the School Holidays Begin! & before 31st July**

July tends to be a busier month, but we recommend purchasing your school uniform before the school summer holidays start and before you go away on vacation. Plan with growth in mind, and rest easy knowing we offer size exchanges up until school begins in September (terms and conditions apply).

While queues may be slightly longer, stock availability remains excellent—shop early for the best experience!



- **August & Early September: Don't Leave It Too Late!**

August and early September are extremely busy as families prepare for the new school year. Sizes can sell out quickly, so don't risk missing out on getting the uniform you need in time.

Avoid shopping in the last two weeks of the school summer holidays—queues can exceed an hour, and stock availability will be limited.

Back-orders placed after July 31st cannot be guaranteed to arrive before the start of the new term. Plan ahead to avoid stress and ensure your child is ready for the school year!

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Look Out For Our Special Late Night Shopping Events—



Perfect for New Starters

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Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!




We would love your feedback on our school newsletter and social media. This quick survey asks how you stay updated, what content you enjoy most, and how we can make our communication more useful for you. Your input will help us share news, celebrate students, and keep you better connected!

[Parent / Carer feedback survey questions \(Newsletter and social media\)](#)


Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions

**FamilyHubDerby**
Stronger families through support & friendship


StartforLife


Family Hub What's On Guide


Scan this QR code to access this online





Click onto:
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Family Hub parents
What's On Guide (number 4)
scroll down to view our latest What's On Guide


We look forward to meeting you!


**Please scan for further information**

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School Term and Holiday Dates



St Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term	Summer Term	Bank Holiday (Shut to all)
Spring Term	School Holiday	Inset Day (Shut to students)

September 2025 (19 days)	October 2025 (18 days)	November 2025 (20 days)
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5	1 2
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
29 30	27 28 29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30

December 2025 (15 days)	January 2026 (20 days)	February 2026 (16 days)
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
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8 9 10 11 12 13 14	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
29 30 31	26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28

March 2026 (20 days)	April 2026 (14 days)	May 2026 (15 days)
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
30 31	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	4 5 6 7 8 9 10
9 10 11 12 13 14 15	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	18 19 20 21 22 23 24
23 24 25 26 27 28 29	27 28 29 30	25 26 27 28 29 30 31

June 2026 (22 days)	July 2026 (17 days)	August 2026
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5	31 1 2
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
29 30	27 28 29 30 31	24 25 26 27 28 29 30

195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

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